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# Executive Department



## State of South Carolina

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 86-24

**WHEREAS**, the status of Indian and Native Americans in the State of South Carolina is of concern to all the citizens of South Carolina, and

**WHEREAS**, the efficient and effective administration of Indian and Native American Programs is vital to the government and to its Indian citizens, and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Governor should promote and foster planning and coordination functions for the benefit of the State and its Indian and Native American citizens, and

**WHEREAS**, in order for the State of South Carolina to address the social and economic needs of its Indian and Native American citizens, it must be aware of such needs and have an entity capable of arranging for the satisfaction of such needs, and

**WHEREAS**, an Indian Affairs Commission can identify and advise the State of South Carolina of the needs of the Indian and Native American citizens within the state and assist Indian and Native American citizens in addressing these needs to secure a stronger economic and social status within the State;

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**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the power conferred upon me by the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, I hereby establish the Palmetto Indian Affairs Commission in the State of South Carolina.

The Commission shall serve as the planning and policy body for Indian affairs throughout the State. It shall be the responsibility of the Commission to advise the State of South Carolina on matters affecting the economic and social status of Indian and Native American People, to represent the various interests of Indian and Native Americans before various state agencies, and to assist the State in carrying out its responsibilities to Indian and Native American citizens.

The Commission shall seek to promote inter-tribal coordination on issues of common interest.

The Commission shall undertake special projects as it deems necessary for the purposes of improving educational, economic, social, and cultural advancement of all Indian and Native American citizens and increasing the effectiveness of the State in addressing the needs of its Indian and Native American citizens.

The Commission is authorized to receive and dispense federal, state and other funds made available for the purposes described above.

The Commission shall consist of eight (8) members appointed by the Governor with each to serve a term of six (6) years. Seven of the eight members shall have voting rights.

At all times, one member shall be a representative of the Catawba Indian Nation, one member shall be a representative of the Four Hole Indian Organization - Edisto Tribal Council, Inc., one member shall be a representative of the Pee Dee Indian Association, and one member shall be a representative of the Santee Indian Organization (hereinafter referred to as the "Indian and Native American Members"). The Indian and Native American Members shall always have voting rights.

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The Governor shall designate a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer from the Indian and Native American Members.

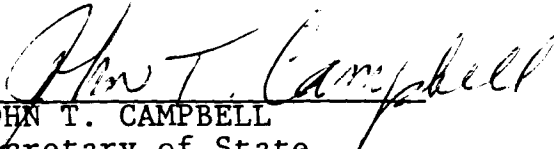
In addition to the Indian and Native American Members, the Governor shall appoint four other members to the Commission. These four members may be, but do not have to be, Indians and Native Americans; however, they must be knowledgeable and experienced in dealing with Indian Tribes and with policies and programs affecting the well-being of Indians and Native Americans. One of these four members shall be a representative of the private sector and one shall be a representative of the South Carolina State Administrative Unit for the Job Training Partnership Act (PL 97-300) programs. The member representing the Job Training Partnership Act Programs shall serve as an ex-officio member and shall not have voting rights.

The Commission may transact business only when a majority of the voting members are present and when a majority of those present are Indian and Native American voting members.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 26<sup>th</sup>  
DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1986.

  
RICHARD W. RILEY  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
JOHN T. CAMPBELL  
Secretary of State